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70th Intelligence Wing welcomes new commander

by SSgt. Kristina Brown

70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

Col. James O. Poss assumed command of the 70th Intelligence Wing, Fort George G. Meade, Md., from Col. Harold J. Beatty during a ceremony held here July 11.

Eighth Air Force Commander, Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, presided over the ceremony. "It's an honor to officiate this important change of command at one of the Air Force's newest wings ... you know better than I do that the 70th (Intelligence Wing) is a unique and challenging place to work, commanding three intelligence groups and 10 squadrons at 23 operating locations and including 5,000 menand women," said Carlson. "For the past two years, Col. Beatty has handled that responsibility with style and grace."

Turning his attention to the incoming commander, Carlson said, "The wing will continue its innovation and integration with combat Air Forces with Colonel and Mrs. Poss at the helm."

Carlson said he has no doubt Poss is up to the challenge of commanding the 70th IW as he recounted Poss' distinguished career to this point, starting with his graduation from the University of Southern Mississippi as an ROTC distinguished graduate, and spanning 20 years, including positions in airborne operations and electronic security, as well as positions as Chief of Airborne Reconnaissance Policy and Programs and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations Staff under the Air Force Intelligence Commandat Kelly AFB, Texas, to name a few. Most recently, Col. Poss commanded the 609th Air Intelligence Group, Shaw AFB, S.C.

Before the ceremonial flag was passed from one commander to the next, Col. Beatty addressed the audience. "In the movie, 'Forrest Gump,' Forrest made the statement that, 'Life is like a box of chocolates – you never know



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, Eighth Air Force commander (left), officially hands command of the 70th Intelligence Wing to Col. James O. Poss in a ceremony held here July 11.

what's going to be inside.'

"Having played a role in the standup of a one-of-a-kind Air Force wing, I better understand what Forrest Gump meant when he said that," said Col. Beatty.

He went on to thank the many people he says played an important role in establishing the wing, including the Fort Meade garrison leadership; the National Security Agency civilian and sister service partners; the commanders, first sergeants, and senior NCOs of the wing; and his wife, Diane for her support and love.

Finally, "To the men and women of the 70th Intelligence Wing," said Col. Beatty, "thanks for your dedication to our wing, the Air Force and our nation ... I wish you the best, and may God bless you and the ones you love."

Col. Poss next addressed the audience after assuming command of the wing through

the passing of the ceremonial wing flag. "First and foremost, I'd like to thank Col. Beatty for the absolutely superbjobhe's done in handing over what I consider to be the best wing in the United States Air Force. I have absolutely huge shoes to fill coming in his wake."

Col. Poss said he's confident the wing is ready for anything, or any war, that may come its way. "We won't be on the front lines, though. Like all intelligence and cryptologic units, we're going to have to operate deep behind enemy lines, and often inside the very thought cycle of our adversaries ... although I do not look forward to this continued combat, I can say with complete honesty I can think of no finer group of warriors to prevail with than the 70th Intelligence Wing. You are America's best, and you are America's brightest – the very pride of our country. With God's help, I know we will prevail."

373d IG changes command



Photo by SSgt. Andrew Rodier

From left, Col. Harold J. Beatty, 70th Intelligence Wing commander, hands over command of the 373d Intelligence Group to Col. Fred W. Gortler III at the Misawa Cryptologic Operations Center, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

Col. Gortler comes to the 373 IG from the Pentagon, Va., where he was Chief of the Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Integration Division and Deputy Chief of Staff fof Air and Space Operations, Headquarters US Air Force.

Throughouthis career, Col. Gortler has served in intelligence, electronic warfare, and space operations assignments at squadron, group, and unified command levels. He has also served at the Air Staff, and the National Security Agency.

Gortler earned advanced academic degrees through studies at Central Michigan University; the Marine Corps University; and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University.

694th IG changes command



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

From Left, Col. Harold J. Beatty, 70th Intelligence Wing commander, hands over command of the 694th Intelligence Group to Col. Kathryn L. Gauthier in a ceremony held here July 10.

Col. Gauthier comes to the 694 IG from Royal Air Force Molesworth, United Kingdom, where she was the Director of Operations, Joint Analysis Center, U.S. European Command.

Throughout her career, Col. Gauthier has served as a telemetry systems development engineer and airborne mission coordinator, political-economic analyst, joint intelligence center branch chief, squadron commander, chief of inspections, and political-military planner with duty stations spanning the three continents of Latin America, Asia, and Europe.

Gauthier earned advanced academic degrees through studies at Universidad Simon Bolivar, Caracas, Venezuela; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.; and the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

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A direct link to the 70th Intelligence Wing Commander

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The column is intended as a forum to support individual concerns and should be used in conjunction with the chain of command, inspector general, chaplain, or other professional means.

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Look for an Action Line hot button on the 70 IW web page.



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CV Accepts Supreme Court decision

by MSgt. Rick Corral

70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

Once in a lifetime comes the opportunity to fly farther, dive deeper or climb higher. For one 70th Intelligence Wing member, that opportunity is now. Col. Lorry M. Fenner, 70 IW vice commander, has been selected as the 2002-2003 Supreme Court Fellow assigned to the Supreme Court of the United States.

As the first military member to be accepted in the Supreme Court Fellows Program, Col. Fenner has taken what was first thought as a long shot and hopes to turn it into a career broadening opportunity. "I was reading the Chronicle of Education when I found this advertisement for the Supreme Court program," said Col. Fenner. "I thought it sounded interesting and something that fell into the interest areas I want to pursue further. I said to myself, 'why not test the waters and see what happens,' so I filled out the application, never thinking I had a chance to be selected."

The Fellows Program was created in 1973 by the late Chief Justice Warren E. Burger to provide promising individuals with a first-hand understanding of the federal government, in particular, the judicial branch. In the words of Chief Justice Rehnquist, the program "offers a unique opportunity for outstanding individuals to apply their talents and interests to the administration of justice at the national level."

"In January, I received a call saying that my application had been selected and that I was a semifinalist," added Col. Fenner. "I had to do some soul searching at that point. Should I continue with the process and see what happens or withdraw my application? Because it was something new, I was not really sure the Air Force would allow me to take the fellowship. I didn't have a lot of options, but I did know that if I was selected and it came down to the Supreme Court or the war on terrorism, I would go with the needs of the Air Force. If I did nothing else with this program but be a semifinalist, it would still be very cool," she said.

"They gave me some interesting books to read, provided a formal dinner with key court leaders including a dinner speech by Justice Scalia. We also received a wonderful tour of the court and Federal Judicial Center."



Col. Lorry M. Fenner

Photo by MSgt. Rick Corra

But the Supreme Court had different plans for Colonel Fenner, as she was selected for the program. "You can't imagine how surprised I was when I received the call. All the other semifinalists were lawyers. I never dreamed I had a chance without a legal background."

It turns out the Air Force key leadership has been very supportive of Col. Fenner's selection. "It's not just me accepting this position. It's the Air Force and all the people and programs that will benefit. Hopefully this will open doors in the future to more Air Force people," she added. "I believe this is the first time an AF member has received such a position."

Each year, fellows work with top officials in the judicial branch. With assignments at the Supreme Court, the Federal Judicial Center, the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts, and the U. S. Sentencing Commission, fellows have been involved in various projects examining the federal judicial process and seeking, proposing, and implementing solutions to problems in the administration of justice.

As a fellow, Col. Fenner's duties may include speech writing and research for the Chief Justice, briefing visiting dignitaries, preparing analytical reports, and overseeing the Supreme Court Judicial Intern Program. Her year-long fellowship begins this month.

As Wing Vice Commander, Col. Fenner

directs the strategic planning and management of more than 4,000 military personnel worldwide.

Col. Fenner served as a strategic planner with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1997, and assisted writing a national security report commissioned by President Bush to provide a comprehensive review of intelligence. Col. Fenner is a member of the American Historical Association, the Air Force Association, and the National Defense University Foundation. She serves on the Board of the Alliance for National Defense and on the Editorial Board of War in History. She recently co-authored a book on women in the military for Georgetown University Press.

She earned a B.A. from Arizona State University, an M.S. in National Security Studies from the National Defense University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in History from the University of Michigan.

The fellows are selected by a 11 member Supreme Court Fellows commission selected by the Chief Justice of the United States.

"The whole process started with me answering an ad in a magazine and thinking 'Why not,'" added Col. Fenner. "If I've learned one lesson from this whole process, it's don't be afraid to ask. You never know what you can accomplish."

(Editor's note: Some information in this story is courtesy of the Supreme Court Office of Public Affairs.)

Father, daughter share more than family tie



A1C Krystal Brackett, 29th Intelligence Squadron, and SMSgt. David Brackett, 91st Intelligence Squadron, eat breakfast together at the Four Hats Dining Facility here. Krystal is following in her father's footsteps as a signals operations analyst.

by SSgt. Kristina Brown 70th Intelligence Wing

Public Affairs

Growing up, many little girls utter the words, "Daddy, I want to be just like you when I grow up." But as they grow up, following in dad's footsteps becomes less and less likely for most girls. For one airman, though, filling dad's big shoes has become a reality.

Airman 1st Class Krystal Brackett decided to take it a step or two further than just serving in the Air Force like her father, though. She also signed up for the same job and is now stationed at the same base with her father. Senior Master Sgt. David Brackett.

Both Signals Operations Analysts with the 694th Intelligence Group, Krystal is assigned to the 29th Intelligence Squadron and David is assigned to the 91st Intelligence Squadron here.

David says his

daughter's decision to join the Air Force actually came as quite a surprise to both him and his wife. "We were all prepared for her to go to college," he said. "Then, she came to us one day and said she wanted to join the Air Force." David says it was a pleasant surprise, though. He then steered her toward his own career field, knowing she would do very well in anything she ultimately decided to do.

Krystal says growing up an Air Force "brat" definitely affected her decision to join the Air Force versus going straight to college. "When I thought about getting a regular job and sticking it out for 40 years or so, I didn't know if I could handle it living in one place all that time and only knowing that one small piece of the world," she said.

Although Krystal is not yet sure whether she'll make the Air Force a career like

her father, she said she appreciates the abundance of career advice she gets from him.

"He sends me stuff every day regarding my education and career, from CDCs (Career Development Courses) to making senior airman below the zone and staff sergeant, and everything in between," says Krystal.

David says whatever his daughter decides to do is fine with him, though. "I'm just so proud of her. There's no doubt in my mind she would make chief (master sergeant) if she stays in. I just want her to do whatever makes her happy because I know she'll

be successful at whatever she decides to do," he said.

Krystal's opinion of the Air Force has changed greatly now

that she's on the other side of the fence. "I have so much more respect, not only for the Air Force, but for all the services. It's a lot harder than what people think is just an easy, study paycheck – especially the continuing academics. You don't see that from the outside looking in." Krystal added that the family's longstanding joke that her father just ran the copy machine at work has been put to rest. "Now that I'm following in his footsteps, I know better than that. I know what it really took to do all that he's done and to get where he's at."

With fathers generally feeling the need to protect their daughters from harm's way, one might wonder if David feels an additional sense of duty since Krystal is following in his potentially dangerous footsteps.

"Not at all," he says. "I've done my job, and we've raised her well. I trust my peers; I trust her peers; and I trust our leadership. They'll take care of her whether she's here or in Afghanistan or anywhere else - it doesn't matter: I know she will be taken care of. She's received excellent training – the best anyone's got to offer in the world, so I have no doubts about her safety."

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-- SMSgt. David Brackett

stays in."

With this father-daughter team, it seems mutual admiration plays a large role in their individual successes.

While Krystal says she feels she could never surpass her father's success, David says he thinks there's nothing his daughter can't do. Many would say even if Krystal never completely fills her father's shoes, the important thing is that she got a chance to walk a mile in them.

Have a story idea?

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Ceremony marks 50th anniversary of Cold War shootdown

by SSgt. Kristina Brown

70th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

The 91st Intelligence Squadron recently participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the loss of a 91st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron crew.

The crew, flying a Reconnaissance B-29, was shot down by two Soviet Mig-15s off the coast of Vladivostok, Russia, June 13, 1952. The ceremony was planned and sponsored by No Greater Love and the Cold War Museum.

Founded in 1971, NGL is the only humanitarian. educational, non-profit organization in the United States solely dedicated to providing annual programs of remembrance, friendship and care for families who lost a loved one in the service of our



Family members of the lost crew, Mr. Greg Skavinski (nephew of SSgt. William B. Homer), and Ms. Charlotte Busch Mitnik (sister of Maj. Samuel Busch), are escorted by 91 SRS Historian, Mr. Fred Ferrer, and 91 IS Commander, Lt. Col. James Marrs, during the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetary.

country or by an act of terrorism.

The wreath was laid by family members of the lost crew; the 91 SRS historian; and Lt. Col. James Marrs, 91st Intelligence Squadron commander. Following the ceremony, the group, consisting of family members

of the crew, representatives for NGL, and current 91 IS members, made their way to the small memorial dedicated to the Cold War reconnaissance crews.

At the memorial, 91 SRS Historian, Mr. Fred Ferrer, and two of the crew's family members, Ms. Charlotte Busch Mitnik, and Mr. Greg Skavinski, spoke of the selfless dedication so many of our Americans had during the Cold War and of the families who were left behind.

"We honor the families of these men for their special anguish. It is the anguish of not knowing the fate of their loved ones for so many years. America thanks you for keeping the vigil. America thanks you for the sacrifice of your loved ones. God bless America. God bless our fallen warriors," said Skavinski.

Finally, the crewmember's names were read to ensure their sacrifice is not forgotten:

Maj. Samuel Busch 1st Lt. James A. Sculley 2nd Lt. Robert J. McDonnell Capt. Samuel Service MSgt. William Homer Sgt. William A. Blizzard Sgt. Migel W. Monserrat A1C Leon Bonura SSgt. Eddie Berg A1C Danny Pillsbury A1C Roscoe C. Becker MSgt. David L. Moore

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by Maj. James Dapper & TSgt. Jonathan Dilligard

70th Intelligence Wing Judge Advocate Office

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Did you know that as an enlisted member you might be eligible to re-train into the paralegal career field?

Today, more than 1,000 paralegals serve proudly in Air Force legal offices, area defense counsel offices, deployed locations, and everywhere the AF mission calls, helping to balance the scales of justice daily.

Legal professionals in the Air Force are involved in defending the United States, both physically and legally.

Physically, we took the oath of enlistment to defend our country against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Legally, we defend our Constitution by advising commanders on operational matters; defending our Air Force from lawsuits; helping enforce criminal laws; helping Air Force members find just and peaceful resolution of disputes that arise in their lives. In representing the Air Force and Air Force members, we defend our

Constitution by ensuring the law is correctly and fairly applied in every situation.

The primary mission of The Judge Advocate General's Department is to provide legal counsel to commanders, first sergeants, and other key personnel on a broad spectrum of legal and quasi-legal matters. The paralegal's role is to assist judge advocates (attorneys) in achieving that mission.

Consequently, paralegals support virtually all areas of the Air Force's legal practice, including operations law, military justice, claims, civil law, legal assistance,

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Eagle Warrior



TSgt. Cheri Ebbrecht 694th Intelligence Group

Years of service: 11.5

Family: TSgt. John Ebbrecht, 22 IS; daughters, Rebecca, 6, and Emily, 2; Boxer pups, Rocky and Jake.

Job Title: Chief, Executive Services
Primary duties and responsibilities:
Responsible to the group commander for all management activities of the command section. Controls, processes, evaluates, and ensures on-time flow and accuracy of all correspondence, performance reports, action packages, and suspenses. Authors executive correspondence and policy guidance. Prepares briefings for staff meetings, corporate boards, commander's calls, and ceremonies.

Most rewarding job aspect: "Knowing that every package, whether it be an evaluation, decoration, separation request, or award package, affects someone's career and to go home at night knowing that making those changes or walking that package through may benefit someone in some way."

Goals: "To learn more about the other side of my career field, computers, and to eventually get my BA."

Hobbies: "Teaching my two year old new things and playing games with my 6 year old take up most of my time, but I enjoy camping, baking and cross-stitching when I find a few minutes."

Favorite aspect of Fort Meade: "We have enjoyed being close to Baltimore and DC when family comes to visit. The kids have enjoyed the zoos, the Inner Harbor attractions and being able to go see the Orioles play baseball."

What would you change about Fort Meade? "Push for a Cost of Living Allowance for this area as well as more childcare facilities due to childcare being hard to find and very expensive."

70th Intelligence Wing salutes ...

Quarterly Award Winners (April-June)



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

694th Intelligence Group Quarterly Award winners pictured are (from left): Mrs. Michelle Stanbrough, 694th Intelligence Group, Civilian of the Quarter; SrA Nikema Shelton, 29th Intelligence Squadron, Airman of the Quarter; MSgt. Phillip King, 32nd Intelligence Squadron, Senior NCO of the Quarter; Capt. Jordon Cochran, 694th Intelligence Group, Company Grade Officer of the Quarter. (Those not available for photo are: SSgt. Thomas McCauley, 29th Intelligence Squadron, NCO of the Quarter; and SSgt. Michelle Birchfield, 694th Intelligence Group, Honor Guard Member of the Quarter.)

Airman Leadership School Graduates

70th Intelligence Wing Airman Leadership School Award Winners Class 2002-F

John L. Levitow Award

SrA Kurt L. Keller, 694th Support Squadron (Sentry Flight)

Distinguished Graduate Award

SrA Rachel L. Nygren, 23rd Information Operations Squadron (Nighthawk Flight)

Distinguished Graduate Award

SrA Karen M. Hoagland, 29th Intelligence Squadron (Nighthawk Flight)

The Leadership Award

SrA Rachel L. Nygren, 23rd Information Operations Squadron (Nighthawk Flight)

Academic Achievement Award

SrA Karen M. Hoagland, 29th Intelligence Squadron (Nighthawk Flight)

Nighthawk Flight Graduates:

22nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Jeffrey N. Calderon

SrA Crystal Deal

SrA Thomas B. Jones

SrA Michael A. Stuto

23rd Information Operations Squadron

SrA David Z. Clark

29th Intelligence Squadron

SrA Robert L. Burdette Jr.

SrA Adrian C. Chatman

32nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Toby Jordan

91st Intelligence Squadron

SrA Cristopher H. Arocha

94th Intelligence Squadron SrA Karen A. Hindman

SrA Melanie Meyers 694th Support Squadron

SrA Anissa Rache Delaney SrA Calvin B. Moore

Sentry Flight Graduates:

22nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA Dana H. Myers SrA Krystal J. Riesgaard

SrA Justin G. Warren

23rd Information Operations
Squadron

SrA Robert M. Mastaler

29th Intelligence Squadron SrA Michael M. Andrews

SrA Roger D. Larew

SrA Keith T. Moore

32nd Intelligence Squadron

SrA LaTosha Bell SrA Jaime D. Bagtas Jr.

SrA Wayne J. Clarke jr.

94th Intelligence Squadron SrA Sharon Arana

SrA Brian P. Boyce

694th Support Squadron SrA Clifford Lang

SrA Krisztina Szeles



Promoted to master sergeant

Vincent Aker Roger Beaudry Rebecca Becerril Harold Becker, Jr. Sean Bennett Mark Bolin Catherine Bourque James Bowman Alfred Brien Sonny Brown Mark Carringer Thomas Clodfelter Watne Cuffley Elizabeth Deneke Darryl Draughn Mimi Ducane Sylvia Epps-Spears Matthew Gallagher Raymond Irizarry Alfred Fitch Larry Hagans Roger Haney Derwin Henderson Gregory L. Jenkins Gregory S. Jenkins William Kretchman Sharon Lassiter Tony Martin

Annette Nadeau Kevin Newman Patrick McMahon James McRae Richard Mitchell Joseph Mouton, III Dirk Parham Sidney Powell Shannon Ramos Donald Robinson Charles Shinska Alberta Singletary James Spruill Richard Theisen Edward Tonge Tamara Townsend Chun Tsang Vincent Waddell Quinton Wilcox

Promoted to technical sergeant

Daniel Agisotelis Pamela Alexander Christopher Allen George Anderson Latonia Antwine Nicole Barkley-Lutz Brian Barnett Randy Bator

Congratulations to all 70th Intelligence Wing members promoted to the ranks of master sergeant and technical sergeant.

Michelle Beatty Tracy Bigsby Michael Bourque Kim Bowie-Hendricks Eric Bradford Cody Bringham Kristina Brown Robert Bruce Gregory Bruns Melinda Bunting Brian Bushong Dion Butler Tyrone Byrd Heather Cabral Anthony Carter Angela Chadwick Paula Chekroun John Chilton Laura Colello Steven Craig Suzanne Curtis Johnny Dameron Kimberly Dawson Frederick Drayton Brett Elliott Joan Erwin Scott Erwin Brian Fisher Darrin Gabriel Darryl Gaines Joseph Garner, II Geoffrey Graver Anthony Gray Shawn Griffin Brian Gross Darren Gunter Juwone Harris James Harrison Eric Heinzer Wendy Hertel

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"Paralegal," from page 5 contracts, labor law and environmental law.

Within these areas, paralegals conduct legal research, interview witnesses and victims, and draft opinions and documents. Paralegals also support investigations of serious incidents, such as aircraft, missile, or rocket accidents.

Most retrainees are staff sergeants, however, a limited number of master sergeants, technical sergeants, and senior airmen are accepted into the career field each year. A relatively new initiative has also expanded paralegal opportunities to a few senior master sergeants.

Are you eligible to retrain? From the Air Force's perspective, the minimum qualifications include an ability to type 25 words per minute, a minimum AQE score of 50 and no derogatory information in your records.

Anyone interested in re-training and eligible must submit a retraining application. In addition, each potential crosstrainee must have personal interviews with a local Law Office Manager and Staff Judge Advocate.

The paralegal career field is extremely interesting and very challenging. It is rewarding for individuals who are looking for a job that gives you independence in your work, personal growth, and most importantly, a sense of accomplishment at the end of each day.

To submit retraining applications, contact the Employment Section of the Military Personnel Flight. For more information about the paralegal career field, contact the Law Office Manager, TSgt. Jonathan Dilligard at 301-677-0658.



Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral



Chili Cookoff

Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral

5 The 32nd Intelligence Squadron Chili Cookoff team (a.k.a. 'The Chili Rustlers') have a moment in the spotlight with their three awards garnered from the competition. The 694th Intelligence Group's Annual Chili Cookoff proved to be H-O-T this year with nearly 15 teams competing and many empty chili pots toward the end of the day (like the one proudly showcased in the photo on the left by TSgt. Vernon Mimms of 'The Chili Rustlers'.) In the end, the 32nd Intelligence Squadron cleaned up, taking home three of the five awards for the day, including 'Hottest Chili,' 'People's Choice,' and 'Best Theme.' Other winners were the 22nd Intelligence Squadron for 'Best Team' and the 22nd Intelligence Squadron 'Chili Reapers' for 'Commander's Choice.'

Stars in the making ...

4 SrA Amy Hutchinson and SSgt. Dion Butler, both with the 70th Intelligence Wing, receive instruction from Patrick Rafferty (left), director of the 2002 Combined Federal Campaign commercial, during a shoot on post. Members of the wing participated as extras in the production of a new CFC commercial by United Way Productions that will air on Armed Forces Radio and Television Service channels in August to kick off this year's campaign.



Photo by MSgt. Rick Corral



Photo by SSgt. Kristina Brown

Battlefield Lunch...

3 Col. Lorry M. Fenner, 70 IW vice commander, briefs wing members during lunch on Confederate battle positions and strategy at 'The Devil's Den' at Gettysberg National Battlefield May 16. The wing members toured the entire battle field as part of a Professional Development Initiative used to promote wing team building and strategic thinking. Each staff member was required to brief the other members about specific confrontations and strategies that took place during the Battle of Gettysberg July 1-3, 1863.